

Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: Is There a Role for Physician Education?

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[Overprescribing](#) is seen as a contributor to the current opioid epidemic. This working paper explores the potential role that [physician education](#) and medical school quality have on [prescribing behaviors](#). Analyzing data from 2006–2014, the authors found that lower ranked institutions wrote more opioid prescriptions and conclude that physician education may be a logical focus of improvement efforts. A recent [PSNet perspective](#) explored opioid overdose as a patient safety problem.